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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the non-final Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 17, 2009.

Applicant believes no petition or fees are required. Nevertheless, please consider this a conditional petition for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

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